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Withholding Tax Rate Changes

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You must now immediately adjust withholding tax rates.

The Illinois Income Tax rate for individuals has increased from 3 percent to 5 percent, effective January 1, 2011.

The new rate of withholding applies to

- employee compensation (i.e., wages and salaries) paid in Illinois,
- unemployment paid to an Illinois resident who has asked to have Illinois taxes withheld, and
- gambling or lottery winnings in Illinois paid to an Illinois resident.

Booklet IL-700-T, Illinois Withholding Tax Tables, has been updated and is available on our web site.

If you use an automated payroll method to figure your withholding, use the following formula:

.05 x (Wages – ((IL-W-4, Line 1 allowances x \$2,000) + (IL-W-4, Line 2 allowances x \$1,000))